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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAVIA MOVES TOWARD NEW AGREEMENT WITH COMMON  
MARKET

1. RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT IN BRUSSELS OF CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST  
STAGE OF YUGOSLAV-EEC NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW NON-PREFERENTIAL  
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY REPORTED IN BELGRADE PRESS.  
FIRST STAGE NEGOTIATIONS, CONDUCTED BY GOY ASSISTANT FOREIGN  
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TRADE SECRETARY MILICA ZIVERNA AND EEC FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR ROLAND DE KERGORTAYL, REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED THAT NEW AGREEMENT WILL  
EXTEND FOR FIVE YEARS WITH POSSIBILITY OF AUTOMATIC EXTENSION AND WILL INCLUDE EVOLUTION CLAUSE TO COVER POSSIBLE FURTHER EXPANSION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. GENERAL AGREEMENT ALSO REACHED ON COMMON PROGRAM FOR COOPERATION ON ISSUE OF YUGOSLAV LABOR EMPLOYED IN EEC COUNTRIES. BOTH SIDES ALSO AFFIRMED SUCCESS OF CURRENT THREE- YEAR AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRES APRIL 30 AND WHICH WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED UNTIL NEW AGREEMENT SIGNED.

2. OTHER SUBJECTS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED IN FIRST STAGE, BUT WITH NO FIRM AGREEMENTS REACHED, WERE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF YUGOSLAV  
MEAT EXPORTS, EXPORT OF OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, AND NON- TARIFF BARRIERS.

3. NEGOTIATIONS REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE IN " CLIMATE OF EXCEPTIONALLY CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION", AND WILL BE RESUMED IN MID- MAY.

4. COMMENT: GOY HAS BEEN VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT ADVERSE IMPACT ON YUGOSLAV TRADE RESULTING FROM EC ENLARGEMENT AND FREE TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS BETWEEN EC AND EFTA NEUTRALS. GOY MAKING STRONGEST POSSIBLE EFFORT TO IMPROVE TRADE ACCESS TO EC AND REDUCE CURRENT MARGIN OF THIS DISCRIMINATION. THESE EFFORTS HAVE INCLUDED HIGH- LEVEL CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS, ROME, THE HAGUE, BRUSSELS AND BONN. YUGOSLAV PLANS FOR EXPANDING TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH EC WERE ALSO HIGH ON AGENDA FOR RECENT BRANDT VISIT BELGRADE. JOHNSON

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